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Wednesday	10-3:30 pm
Thursday	10-3:30 pm
Friday	By Appt.
Saturday	10-3:30 pm every third Sat.
Sunday	Closed



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Spin-A-Yarn Storytelling Festival

The Little Loomhouse proudly presented its first Spin-A-Yarn storytelling festival on Saturday, May 23 to a crowd of about 150 people. Those attending parked at DeSales High School and rode the TARC trolley up Kenwood Hill Road to the Loomhouse.

It took us all back in time to see the trolley come up the hill and hear the bell ringing. The weather was perfect for sitting outside and enjoying the music and stories. We would like to thank our three professional storytellers, MC and band:

Bob Farmer, storytelling comedian and spokesperson for the Farmers' Almanac. He travels the nation,



Mandy Dick telling a story under the trees

entertaining. He shared stories about his family and in-laws. We think he might have been stretching the truth a little.

Cynthia Changaris has been a professional storyteller for 25 years and started the Kentucky Storytellers Association. She has been the recipient of the Parents' Choice Award. She used music in her storytelling and had everyone participate in the end.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19, 2009, 6:00 PM, Lou Tate/The Little Loomhouse and Mildred and Patty Hill and Hill House Historic Highway Marker dedication ceremony. Location: Flower garden at the intersection of Kenwood Drive and Kenwood Hill Road.

August 2009, Release of the Little Loomhouse sponsored booklet, the self guided walking tour of the neighborhoods of Iroquois Park and Kenwood Hill.

Saturday, October 17, Fall Open House at the Little Loomhouse.

HAPPENINGS



Arts and Plant Sales at Beechmont Festival

Beechmont Festival of Flowers

On Saturday, May 9, 2009, the Little Loomhouse had the opportunity to join our friends in Beechmont for the Annual Beechmont Festival of Flowers, located near the gazebo at the intersection of Southern Parkway and Woodlawn. The Little Loomhouse provided weaving demonstrations and exhibited our hand crafted wares alongside other artisans and craftsmen and beautiful heirloom plants. It was a gorgeous day for this event that we look forward to each year.

Speed Museum KOAR.org Website

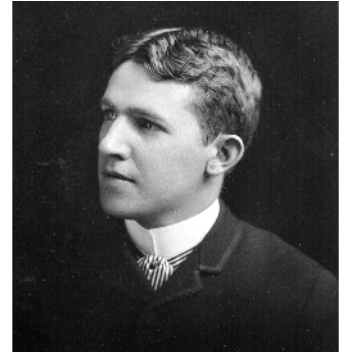
In our last newsletter, we shared the exciting news about regarding our partnership with the Speed Museum to photograph, catalogue and digitally preserve the Lou Tate Coverlet Collection. The collection is now available for viewing on **KOAR.org**. In order to search the collection, simply visit the site, review the terms and click "I accept"- that is if you do of course. Next, type Lou Tate in the search engine. It will bring up the entire collection. We would love to hear your thoughts on the wonderful collection

*Little Loomhouse
Gift Shop
open
Tuesday - Thursday
10:00-3:30*

Bush Family Visits Little Loomhouse

On June 2, 2009, the Little Loomhouse had a special visit from Lovell Bush, his son Greg and Sandra (Bush) Supinger and her husband Bob.

Sandra and Lovell are the grandchildren of Sam Stone Bush, the gentleman who originally built our Wisteria and Tophouse cabins, as summer cottages in the 1890s. Sandra and Lovell grew up on Kenwood Hill and came back to visit the area for the day, which included a stop at the Little Loomhouse.



Sam Stone Bush

Happy 150th Birthday, Mildred Hill

On Saturday, June 27th, the Little Loomhouse hosted the Louisville Historical League for the celebration of Mildred Hill's 150th birthday. It only seemed appropriate to celebrate the birthday of one of the authors of the Happy Birthday song at the place it was first sung- the Little Loomhouse Esta cabin.

A couple of the members of the Lou Tate Foundation Board of Directors shared the history of the Hill Sister's connection to Kenwood Hill.

The members Louisville Historical League provided cake, ice-cream and lemonade.

Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Mildred.



Birthday party in the kitchen of Esta Cabin

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special Thanks



Spin -A-Yarn Volunteers Robbie and Margaret Merrick in front. Barbara Nichols and Carolyn Greaves in back.

We would like to recognize the group of people who most generously volunteered to help at the Spin-A-Yarn Storytelling Festival.

They varied from regular volunteers, members of the Board of Directors, family and friends of the volunteers or Board Members, neighbors of the Loomhouse, and some old friends we welcomed back. They sold tickets and concessions, gave tours and lessons, operated the gift shop, set up before the show and took down and cleaned up after the show.

We couldn't have had a show without their help. We apologize if we left anyone out, there were just so many of you.

We would also like to recognize our Loomhouse neighbors Danny and Debbie Bloyd, and Ann Unterbrink for allowing our performers to park in their driveways.

Spin-A-Yarn Storytelling Festival Volunteers

Robin Amsbary
Stefanie and Tony Buzan
Pat and Eddie Bronner
Judy, Larry and Cassidy Fitzhugh
April Forbes
Carolyn Greaves
Bertha Goss
Diane Hoagland
Rosemary and Garry McCandless
Annie and Bob Mattingly
Robbie and Margaret Merrick
Sally Moss
Carolyn Mitchell
Barbara Nichols
Jean and Raymond Randles
Allison Shartzter
Maggie and Chris Stone
Barbara Terranova
CJ Underwood

CJ Underwood Recognized by Louisville Metro Council

On Thursday, April 9, 2009, at the Louisville Metro Council Meeting, Metro Councilwoman, Judith Green, honored CJ Underwood for all of his hard work on the restoration of the Little Loomhouse Outhouse. Some members of the Lou Tate Foundation Board of Directors were there to support him. We thought everyone would like to know that CJ has officially earned his Eagle Scout rank.



CJ and his family with Council Members

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Just Another Day at the Loomhouse

by Jean Randles

I arrived for my regular volunteer day on Thursday, April 16th, to find the "Man from Cleveland" who had called a week ago to ask if he could stop by and take a picture, inside the Esta Cabin, where the Happy Birthday song was first sung. After a quick greeting, he stood politely outside the door of the cabin while I turned on the lights and opened curtains. He asked me if there was a fee that he should pay and I replied that a donation of \$3.00 would be nice; which he placed on the table.

Then he set up the tripod and camera while I swatted a few flies left over from a opossums recent demise under the cabin.

He, Mr. Cleveland—not the possum—helped me realize they—the flies—must be hatchlings from the fly larvae... ick, and he even helped me swat a few.

I told him that he could move the furniture by the fireplace if he liked, which he did. And he showed me the props that he had brought with him; an empty box, wrapped in polka dotted paper and also a birthday horn. I didn't see him actually jump, but I saw the picture on his digital camera showing him jumping and holding the props.



He took the picture but we kept the props.

Then he explained that this was his hobby since he had retired; going to different places where things had happened first. His friends helped him for a while and they said it was boring to be standing still in front of these places so they decided to jump and show some action. He has continued jumping, even though his friends are not with him. And he said he must have a thousand – or was it two thousand? -- of these pictures that he has taken as he has traveled about. Either way, that's a lot of jumping and traveling. I guess he'll publish a book someday.

I gave him a brochure of interesting sites in the Louisville area and said that I was glad we could add to his photographs of "first places". He left us the birthday box and horn and was gone.

Such is one of the more interesting situations you might encounter if you volunteered at the Little Loomhouse! Why not give us a try?

Adoptable Sheep



We have a charming new item in our gift shop, adoptable sheep.

Each sheep has its own name and comes complete with an individualized fact sheet. The sheep are wearing a hand woven snuggly band, woven right here at the Little Loomhouse.

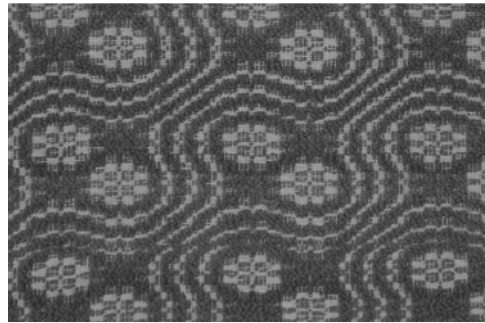
Adoptable sheep are \$15, while supplies last.

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Snail Trail and Cat Track

In this edition of the Kentucky Weaver, we are looking at the Snail Trail and Cat Track Pattern. Our ancestors were agricultural; they often selected names close to nature and the soil.

Some of the patterns were visualized as a vine and blossom, others as an animal trail and track. Snail Trail and Cat Track is one of the more popular patterns based on the snowball motif. If you have worked with other variations of this pattern, we would love to hear about your experience.



Snail Trail and Cat Track pattern

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Purchasing tickets for the Spin-A-Yarn Storytelling Festival

Spin-A-Yarn Storytelling Festival



The TARC Trolley bringing visitors to the festival

Mandy Dick volunteers and is a re-enactor at Locust Grove, performing as George Rogers Clark's sister, Lucy Croghan. She told a fairy tale of enchantment complete with a wicked stepmother and a princess who saves the kingdom with her weaving.

It was truly delightful to hear the stories. All three performers were outstanding. We greatly appreciate their willingness to donate their time and talent for us to enjoy.

Bob Mitchell, DJ for Radio Bluegrass International was our MC. In between stories he told the crowd the history of The Little Loomhouse. Many in the crowd had never been there before so he gave them a wonderful introduction to the history and ongoing mission.

The music was provided by the bluegrass band, "**Say Darlin' Say**". They most graciously volunteered their time. The music was fabulous and had everyone tapping their feet.

So many of us who were there felt that it was like the times Lou Tate had festivals at the cabins. We hope those of you who made it had a wonderful time. We'd like to do it again next year.



MC Bob Mitchell with the musical group "Say Darlin' Say"

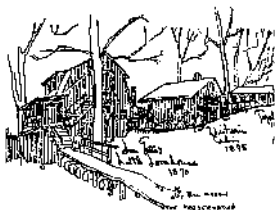
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